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SUMMARY: ON MAY 14 HLEPG HELD INITIAL HILEX-7 MEETING ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE MAJOR NATO COMMANDS AND OF ALL ALLIED NATIONS EXCEPT ICELAND AND PORTUGAL. GROUP REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES/SERVICE SHORTAGES DISRUPTIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT DRAFT SCENARIO: FOOD GRAIN, CHROME, TRANSPORTATION OF REINFORCEMENTS AND PETROLEUM PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE MECHANISM. THE US REPS AGREED TO PROVIDE INPUT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESOURCE PROBLEMS
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CONCERNED WITH FOOD GRAIN AND TRANSPORTATION BY JUNE 20.

ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION RECEIPT OF US INPUTS BY JUNE 19.

END SUMMARY.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS BY AGENDA ITEM OF THE INITIAL KHILEX-7

HLEPG MEETING HELD ON MAY 14:

AGENDA ITEM I. GENERAL CONDUCT OF EXERCISE HILEX-7. CHAIRMAN (MORAN) OUTLINED IN BROAD TERMS THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF HILEX-7 AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HLEPG.

AGENDA ITEM II. DRAFT PRE-EXERCISE SETTING. SACLANT SUPPORTED BY CINCHAN AND THE UK REQUESTED THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE INCLUDED REFLECTING THE CURRENT USSR MARITIME CAPABILITY IN THE MILITARY DEVELOPMENT SECTION OF AC/287(H-7)-WP/1. OTHER MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PRE-EXERCISE SETTING WERE REQUESTED BY ITALY, NORWAY, AND THE NETHERLANDS AND WERE ACCEPTED. FYI: CHAIRMAN ASSURED US REPS THAT THE NEXT DRAFT OF AC/287(H-7)-WP/1 WILL CONTAIN SPECIFIC ECONOMIC INFORMATION WHICH WILL SUPPORT THE RESOURCE PROBLEMS LISTED ABOVE. END FYI.

AGENDA ITEM III. PLAY OF RESOURCE PROBLEMS. USING REFERENCE B AS A GUIDE, THE US INTRODUCED ALL RESOURCES LISTED THEREIN, EXCEPT AMMUNITION, WHICH WAS A TRADE OFF FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE RAW MATERIAL CHROME. DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE US INTERVENTION THE NETHERLANDS (REP (HOFMAN) COMMENTED THAT DURING A LOW LEVEL CRISIS SITUATION ONLY INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMODITIES WOULD BE EXCHANGED AMONG MEMBER NATIONS, NO DISCUSSION OF THE NETHERLANDS VIEWS TOOK PLACE. ALL NATIONS ACCEPTED THE INCLUSION OF FOOD GRAINS. CANADA AND THE UK SUPPORTED THE US PROPOSAL CONCERNING AIRLIFT/SEALIFT REQUIREMENTS AND THE PETROLEUM PROBLEMS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED THEREWITH. BELGIUM REQUESTED THAT COPPER BE ELIMINATED FROM CONSIDERATION AS A COMMODITY SHORTAGE. TO PRESERVE THE ACCEPTANCE OBTAINED FOR OTHER US SUGGESTED RESOURCE PROBLEMS THE US REPS DID NOT PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF BALL BEARINGS. THE NETHERLANDS REQUESTED THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE MECHANISMS BE INCLUDED. GROUP GAVE PRELIMINARY ACCEPTANCE TO RESOURCE ITEMS CITED ABOVE PENDING EXAMINATION OF DETAILED SCENARIOS TO BE DEVELOPED PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING. FOLLOWING THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF EACH ITEM, THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING NATIONS SUBMIT DETAILED INPUTS COVERING RESOURCE PLAY. FOR FOOD GRAINS: US, CANADA, TURKEY; FOR TRANSPORTATION OF REINFORCEMENTS AND PETROLEUM PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH: US, UK, CANADA; FOR CHROME: TURKEY; FOR INT'L TRADE: NETHERLANDS.

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FYI: FOLLOWING THE FORMAL MEETING OF THE HLEPG PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH REPS OF CANADA, UK, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND TURKEY TO ORCHESTRATE THE COORDINATION NEEDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INPUTS. PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT EACH NATION WOULD DEVELOP A GENERAL PROPOSAL COVERING USE OF THE RESOURCE AREA IN EXERCISE PLAY, ASSUMPTIONS TO SUPPORT THE GENERAL PROPOSAL AND EVENTS WHICH WOULD EXERCISE NATIONAL AND NATO DECISION PROCESSES. ALL INPUTS DEVELOPED IN CAPITALS WILL BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN CONCERNED NATIONS THROUGH RESPECTIVE PERMANENT DELEGATIONS AT NATO. END FYI:.

AGENDA ITEMS IV AND V. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING. THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THAT ALL INPUTS FROM NATIONS BE PROVIDED TO THE INT'L STAFF BY JUNE 20 SO

THAT THEY MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO CAPITALS IN SUFFICIENT TIME
FOR NATIONS TO REVIEW AND DEVELOP PROPOSITIONS PRIOR TO THE
NEXT HLEPG MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22-23 AT NATO HQ.
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